“Dedicated To Your Success”
Winter Meeting Set for February 6–9 in Scottsdale

With VDOT poised for a $8+ billion construction program in 2020, VTCA is preparing sessions for the Winter Meeting that will enable you and your organization to successfully meet the challenges of building infrastructure safely, on time, on budget, and with the very best products and services.

• VDOT Chief Engineer Bart Thrasher, PE will discuss VDOT’s construction program and issues related to the delivery of the program.

• Political analyst and pundit Dr. Bob Holsworth will share his insights on the 2019 General Assembly elections and the 2020 national elections.

• You’ll get an update on the 2020 General Assembly . . . who’s in charge and is there an opportunity for more transportation funding?

• “Environmental Compliance: The Devil is in the Details” – a panel of experts will give you legal and practical insights into this critical topic.

• “What Does your Personal Risk Index Tell you and Your Employer?” Audience members will take an electronic “survey” to see what their personal risk index is and discuss applications for its use in the workplace.

In addition to these valuable sessions, we are building in plenty of time for you to connect with colleagues and enjoy the beauty of the desert southwest.

The stunning AAA Five Diamond Fairmont Scottsdale Princess will host VTCA February 6–9, 2020. Mark your calendar. Details and registration will be on the street and on our web site in early November.

Mark Your Calendar
For These Upcoming Events

VDOT/VTCA Aggregates Statewide Co-Op Meeting - October 17 at the Virginia Transportation Research Council

ESCCC Courses
Roanoke - November 6 at the Roanoke Higher Education Center
Richmond - December 5 at the VTCA Office

District Dialogues
Northern Virginia – November 7 at the Hyatt Regency Fairfax
Hampton Roads – December 4 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center

Safety Seminars
Fredericksburg – December 3 at the Fredericksburg Expo Center
Roanoke – December 4 at the Holiday Inn Valley View

VTCA Winter Meeting – February 6-9, 2020 at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, Scottsdale, AZ

VTCA-VDOT Spring Transportation Construction Conference - April 1-3 at the Hampton Roads Covention Center and Embassy Suites
Commonwealth Transportation Board Invites Public Feedback On Transportation Programs Throughout Virginia

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) invites the public to share feedback on transportation initiatives at nine meetings across Virginia this fall. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will highlight transportation programs, discuss ideas and answer questions about the Commonwealth’s multimodal transportation network.

Participation is welcome by attending public meetings or submitting comments online, by email, or by mail.

The public will have an opportunity to learn and share feedback about:

- Adjustments to the statewide project prioritization process, known as SMART SCALE, which allocates limited funding to the most critical transportation needs.
- Virginia’s Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, which identifies transportation projects that will utilize federal transportation funding or require approval from federal partners.
- A draft Mid-term Transportation Needs assessment for VTrans, Virginia’s statewide, multimodal transportation plan that outlines a vision and goals for transportation in the Commonwealth. The plan will identify transportation investment priorities and guides transportation agencies’ strategies and programs.
- Adjustments to Virginia’s Highway Safety Improvement Program, which aims to link infrastructure improvements across highway travel modes to performance outcomes outlined in Virginia’s Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Additionally, the meeting in the Richmond District will include information about the I-95 Corridor Study.

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VDOT Now Recognizes WACEL Concrete Certification I

VDOT has formally announced that it will now recognize the WACEL Concrete I certification as an acceptable alternative to the ACI Concrete Field Level I certification. VDOT is terminating the VDOT Concrete Field course and examination. VDOT will continue to receive and post individual’s ACI or WACEL certification in VDOTU for inclusion on the individual’s transcript. Proof of either certification can be sent to the MCS program office at materials-certification@vdot.virginia.gov.

VDOT is expected to issue a directive summarizing the changes to the Certification program in the coming weeks.

SWM/ESC Exam Price Increase

Effective October 1, 2019, all Stormwater and Erosion and Sediment Control examinations administered by DEQ will increase by $7 per exam. The new exam prices will be as follows:

- Program Administrator exam = $85
- Inspector exam = $85
- Plan Reviewer exam = $102
- Combined Administrator exam = $117

Examination fees are paid directly to Pearson Vue.

Shane Mann, PE Named New Richmond District Engineer

VDOT has announce that Shane Mann, PE, has been selected as VDOT’s new Richmond District Engineer. Shane’s years of successful program leadership, technical expertise and Richmond District knowledge make him well-suited to address the unique travel needs and challenges in and around our Commonwealth’s capital.

Shane brings over 25 years of transportation experience to the district engineer role, including specialized expertise in roadway and bridge design, construction and consulting. He joined VDOT in 2005 as an Area Construction Engineer, and since 2013, has served as the Richmond District Construction Engineer.

As Richmond District Construction Engineer, Shane managed a construction program of over $350 million and oversaw successful completion of major district projects, including the I-95 Temple Avenue interchange improvements and roundabout project in the City of Colonial Heights, the I-64 widening project in Henrico and New Kent counties, and five phases of the Virginia Capital Trail in the City of Richmond, Henrico and Charles City counties.

A licensed professional engineer in several states, Shane holds an associate’s degree in drafting and design from Southside Virginia Community College, a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Old Dominion University and a master’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Virginia.

Terra Site Constructors Celebrates 5th Anniversary

_Terra Site Constructors, LLC_ celebrated its fifth anniversary in early September at a reception held at the Washington Dulles Marriott Suites in Herndon, Virginia. As part of the celebration, the firm’s President & CEO, Babur R. Mian, announced that the specialty construction firm plans to establish a permanent location in Fairfax County, Virginia.

During the anniversary celebration, Mian announced that the company will be establishing a new corporate headquarters in a still-to-be determined location in Fairfax County to accommodate its growing workforce and in support of its long-term strategic goals.

Since its inception in 2014, _Terra Site Constructors_, a specialty construction firm, has grown consistently and now has more than 60 employees, including seasoned construction professionals, project managers, estimators and skilled field employees. The firm is:

- SBA 8(a) Certified and DBE Certified in Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, and West Virginia.
- SWAM certified in Virginia.
- MBE Certified in Maryland, Delaware, and North Carolina.

OSHA Seeks Information For Possible Revisions To Silica Standard

During the rulemaking process for the Silica Standard, OSHA was urged to consider how to update Table 1 in the future allowing the inclusion of new control methods that may be developed. OSHA is now requesting information on additional engineering and work practice control methods that could limit exposures generated by the equipment and tasks currently listed on Table 1 of the standard. The agency is also requesting information on engineering and work practice control methods that could limit exposures generated by equipment or tasks not already included on Table 1. This information will help OSHA decide whether to revise Table 1.

Additional details of the information request and instructions for submitting comments are available online. The comment period ends October 15.
VTCA & DMM Present Individual Safety Awards

For the tenth year, VTCA and the Division of Mineral Mining (DMM) have awarded Certificates to miners that achieved milestones without a lost time injury. This year, five VTCA member organizations submitted the names of 42 individuals to be recognized for their exemplary safety records. The cumulative total for these 42 individuals is 1,051 years!

Certificates are awarded recognizing individuals reaching 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 35-, 40-, and 45-year milestones without a lost time injury.

Individuals from Boxley, The Frazier Quarry, Luck Stone, U.S. Silica and Virginia Vermiculite were recognized for their accomplishments. These member organizations all held special events to present the certificates.

Final Group Testing for CMA Proficiency Exam

VTCA Aggregate Producer members will be conducting the final group proficiency exam on October 15. If this opportunity is missed there may not be another opportunity to complete the proficiency exams. If you or any of your employees need the complete the CMA certification or recertification proficiency exam, please contact John McGarry at CCWA per below to register.

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Additionally, the CMA Certification process, including the classroom training and proficiency exams, will be completely administered by CCWA beginning in 2021, VTCA Aggregate Producer members will have reduced involvement in 2020 as the CMA Certification process transitions to CCWA
VTCA Safety Committee Meets with MSHA District 5 Leadership

In July of this year the MSHA Staunton Field Office, responsible for inspecting all metal/nonmetal mining operations in Virginia, was moved out of MSHA’s Northeast Metal/Nonmetal District and now reports to the Coal District 5 Office in Norton, VA. This was done as part of MSHA’s “One MSHA” initiative to combine coal and metal/nonmetal program areas.

VTCA views this as an opportunity to connect with the MSHA District 5 leadership and work to develop a good working relationship at the District level. To that end, VTCA’s Safety Committee leadership met with the District 5 leadership on September 13.

This meeting was hosted by VTCA member, E. Dillon & Co., at their Swords Creek Quarry and Plant. The meeting started with introductions and a brief presentation from E. Dillon & Co. on their history and their operations. Following the meeting, participants enjoyed a great tour of the facilities and lunch.

MSHA District 5, until July of this year, has been associated only with the MSHA Coal Program and has never had responsibility for metal/nonmetal mine operations. On July 5th, the MSHA District 5 office was assigned over 250 metal/nonmetal operations to inspect. Including, all of Virginia metal/nonmetal operations and several operations in each of the neighboring states.

Below are items that were discussed between VTCA and MSHA:

- District 5 leadership stressed that they are not familiar with metal/nonmetal mining operations. However, they do think that most metal/nonmetal operations would have many similarities to surface coal mines. They do acknowledge that the District leadership and their coal inspectors do have a learning curve and encourage the metal/nonmetal industry to be patient and help educate them.

- District 5 leadership stated their goal is to ensure a safe workplace for miners.

- District 5 leadership encourages the conferencing process when operators believe it is warranted, even beginning conferencing immediately with the inspector if necessary.

- The Staunton Field Office (Staunton) will stay in place and will remain responsible for inspecting all metal/nonmetal mining operations in Virginia, except for 3 operations in Southwest Virginia. E. Dillon & Co. – Swords Creek, Vulcan – Norton Quarry & Rogers Group – Tazewell Co. Quarry will continue to be inspected by the Norton Field Office. Other District 5 field offices would assist Staunton during emergency situations when logistics is a factor. Currently, MSHA District 5 has no plans to add inspectors or reassign coal inspectors to the Staunton Field Office for metal/nonmetal inspections.

- District 5 asked that operators follow the proper chain of command when issues arise between inspectors and operators. They also stated that the District office would become involved in issues where decisions cannot be reached through normal channels. The District 5 contact for issues that need to be escalated to the District office is Lloyd Robinette, Jr., Assistant District Manager - Inspection Division.

- Although District 5 has had limited interaction with many metal/nonmetal operations since assuming responsibility in July, they have been impressed with what they have heard about and seen from the metal/nonmetal mining industry in Virginia.

- District 5 has agreed to participate in the VTCA Aggregates Safety Seminar in Roanoke on December 4 and will make every effort to participate in the December 3 Safety Seminar in Fredericksburg.

- District 5 has agreed to a joint VTCA/MSHA Meeting for all VTCA Members to meet and discuss issues with District 5 leadership. We will look to schedule this soon.
Leadership Committees Looking For New Emerging Industry Leaders

VTCA’s first year of having emerging industry leaders participate on the Alliance’s leadership committees has been a success. The program will be continuing into 2020 with a new class of emerging leaders. Each of the leadership committees, Contractor, Aggregate Producer, Engineer Consultant and Associate, are now soliciting candidates for 2020’s emerging leaders. If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity or would like to recommend someone please submit a brief bio to Tom Witt (Contractors); Jeff Bragdon (Engineers & Associates) and Rob Lanham (Aggregate Producers) by October 16. Terms for the new members will begin in January and run through December 2020.

Welcome To Our New Member

**J. R. Caskey, Inc.** is a certified small woman-owned commercial site and utility contractor offering a vast menu of construction services for over 33 years. Operations have now expanded from Virginia / West Virginia and now we are certified (NCDOT, DBE/WBE, SBE, HUB) in North Carolina continuing to excel in the delivery of grading and excavation projects while adding soil stabilization and full-depth reclamation services to our diverse portfolio. Visit [www.jrcaskey.com](http://www.jrcaskey.com).

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Lauren Schapker Joins ARTBA

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) has welcomed Lauren Schapker as Vice President of Legislative Affairs, a newly created position. As one of ARTBA’s primary advocates on Capitol Hill, Schapker will work with legislators and their staffs to boost federal transportation investment, secure a permanent Highway Trust Fund revenue solution and advance other transportation construction industry priorities.

A native of Cincinnati, Schapker has a B.S. in finance and an M.A. in political science from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She and her husband reside in Alexandria, Virginia.

Health Care Corner

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires health insurers to offer a one-month Annual Special Enrollment Period starting November 15 and runs through December 15 with a January 1 plan effective date. During this special enrollment period eligible small groups can enroll in coverage without having to meet standard small group employer-contribution and/or employee-participation ratios and requirements. Please contact me to learn more.

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